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BRIAN U. RAY
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January 23, 2006

Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

DOCKET FILE COPY JUDICIAL

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45, No 99-306; October 1st Certification Filing Requirement for Non-Rural Carriers (Temporarily Waived by the FCC until January 26, 2006)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Mississippi Public Service Commission ("MPSC") appreciates the temporary waiver of its normally required filing deadline of October 1, 2005, for the required USF data, until January 26, 2006, which the FCC granted to Mississippi due to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, in *FCC Order DA 05-2484* released on September 21, 2005. In compliance therewith, the MPSC submits the following.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313, the MPSC files its required annual certification for the year 2006 for the non-rural carriers identified in Exhibit "A".

In accordance with the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC") requirements in *Federal/State Joint Board on Universal Service, Ninth Report and Order, Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration*, CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC 99-306, the MPSC hereby certifies that these non-rural carriers' proposed use of federal universal service high-cost support for the year 2006 will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Attached are copies of the Commission's orders in their pertinent dockets.

Enclosed is a stamped addressed envelope and an additional copy of this letter for you to use in forwarding a stamped filed copy of this correspondence. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

In accordance with the FCC's mandate, a certification letter is also being sent to Karen Majcher, Universal Service Administrative Company.

Sincerely,

Nielsen Cochran, Chairman

Bo Robinson, Commissioner

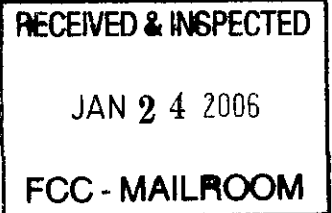
Enclosure

cc: Karen Majcher
Universal Service Administrative Company

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<u>Carrier's Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Carrier's Study Area Code</u>	<u>MS Docket No.</u>
MS Non-Rural Carriers 2006			
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.	LEC	285184	2000-AD-0040
DixieNet Communications, Inc.	CLEC	289003	2001-UA-0198
Cellular South Licenses, Inc.	Wireless	289001	2001-UA-0451
RCC Holdings, Inc. d/b/a/ Unice	Wireless	289002	2002-UA-0533
XFone USA, Inc. d/b/a eXpeTel Communications	CLEC	289007	2002-UA-0319
CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc.	CLEC	289009	2003-UA-0165
Centennial Cellular Tri-State Operating Partnership	Wireless	289005	2003-UA-0234
Centennial Claiborne Cellular Corp.	Wireless	289004	2003-UA-0234
NPCR, Inc. d/b/a/ Nextel Partners	Wireless	289006	2003-UA-0256
Alltel Communications, Inc.	Wireless	289010	2003-UA-0407
Telepak Networks, Inc.	CLEC	289011	2003-UA-0457
Megagate Broadband, Inc.	CLEC	289013	2003-UA-0473
Sprint PCS	Wireless	289008	2003-UA-0562
Dialog Telecommunications, Inc.	CLEC	289012	2003-UA-0665
Gulfpines Communications, Inc.	CLEC	289015	2003-UA-0757
New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC	Wireless	289912	2005-UA-0174

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**



DOCKET NO. 2000-AD-040
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

IN RE: CERTIFICATION OF THE
CARRIERS RECEIVING FEDERAL
UNIVERSAL SERVICE HIGH-COST
SUPPORT

ORDER

COMES NOW, the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") and it appearing to the Commission, for good cause shown and after reviewing the plan for utilization of the year 2006 Federal Universal Service Funding ("USF") submitted by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), upon the recommendation of the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff ("MPUS") and this Commission being otherwise fully advised, finds as follows:

1. On January 19, 2000, the Commission established this docket to certify, pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Universal Service Order¹, that the use of federal universal service high cost support in Mississippi is consistent with 47 U.S.C. §254(e). In accordance with the FCC's Universal Service Order and with this Commission's Order of January 19, 2000, BellSouth submitted a plan for utilization of the year 2000 Federal Universal Service Funding that was consistent with the principles of universal service as outlined in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and by the FCC in its Universal Service Order.

¹ Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Ninth Report and Order and Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC 99-306, released November 2, 1999 ("Universal Service Order"). See generally paragraphs 93-110.

2. On March 14, 2000, the Commission issued an Order certifying that BellSouth's proposed use of federal universal service high-cost support for the year 2000 in Mississippi was consistent with 47 U.S.C. §254(e). The network infrastructure improvements outlined in BellSouth's plan were basically to be accomplished over a three (3) year timeframe. The rate reductions proposed in the plan were to be accomplished in the year 2000.

3. On August 25, 2000, BellSouth submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the year 2001 Federal Universal Service Funding for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on August 25, 2000 proposed a continuation of the network infrastructure improvement plan approved by the Commission in March, 2000. On September 22, 2000, the Commission issued an Order certifying that BellSouth's plan to utilize federal universal service high-cost support in Mississippi as proposed in its continuation plan submitted to the Commission on August 25, 2000, as modified by the Commission in its Order, was consistent with 47 U.S.C. §254(e).

4. On September 6, 2001, BellSouth submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the year 2002 Federal Universal Service Funding for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on September 6, 2001 proposed a continuation of the network infrastructure improvement plan approved by the Commission in March, 2000. On September 27, 2001, the Commission issued an Order certifying that BellSouth's plan to utilize federal universal service high-cost support in Mississippi as proposed in its continuation plan submitted to the Commission on September 6, 2001, as modified by the Commission in its Order, was consistent with 47 U.S.C. §254(e).

5. On August 30, 2002, BellSouth submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the year 2003 Federal Universal Service Funding for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on August 30, 2002 proposed a continuation of the network infrastructure improvement plan approved by the Commission in March, 2000. In its August 30, 2002 plan, BellSouth proposed to utilize the federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2003 in order to continue to improve its network infrastructure in the rural areas of the State of Mississippi consistent with the manner in which the Commission has previously reviewed and approved for the federal USF monies for the year 2002.

6. On August 1, 2003, BellSouth submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the year 2004 Federal Universal Service Funding for approval by the Commission. Subsequent to that transmittal, the MPUS requested a clarification of selected plan activities as well as a more granular alignment of expenses associated with these activities. On August 27, 2003, BellSouth submitted its revised plan for the utilization for the year 2004 in order to continue to improve its network infrastructure in the rural areas of the State of Mississippi consistent with the manner in which the Commission has previously reviewed and approved for the federal USF monies in prior years.

7. On July 1, 2004, BellSouth submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the year 2005 Federal Universal Service Funding for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on July 1, 2004 proposed a further continuation of the network infrastructure improvement plan approved by the Commission in March, 2000. In its July 1, 2004 plan, BellSouth proposed to utilize the federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2005 in order to continue to improve its network infrastructure in the rural

areas of the State of Mississippi consistent with the manner in which the Commission has previously reviewed and approved for the federal USF monies in prior years.

8. On June 1, 2005, BellSouth submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the year 2006 Federal Universal Service Funding for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on June 1, 2005 proposed a further continuation of the network infrastructure improvement plan approved by the Commission in March, 2000. In its June 1, 2005 plan, BellSouth is proposing to utilize the federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2006 in order to continue to improve its network infrastructure in the rural areas of the State of Mississippi consistent with the manner in which the Commission has previously reviewed and approved for the federal USF monies in prior years. Residential rates in rural areas of non-rural carriers in this state are reasonably comparable to urban rates nationwide, based on the nationwide urban rate benchmark of \$34.21.

9. The Commission concludes that BellSouth's June 1, 2005 continuation plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2006 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and pertinent FCC Orders. The Commission further concludes that residential rates in rural areas of non-rural carriers in this state are reasonably comparable to urban rates nationwide, based on the nationwide urban rate benchmark of \$34.21.

This Order shall be effective upon its execution.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Commission hereby certifies that BellSouth's plan to utilize federal universal service high-cost support in Mississippi as proposed in its continuation plan submitted to the Commission on June 1, 2005, is consistent with 47 U.S.C. §254(e) and is, therefore, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that residential rates in rural areas of non-rural carriers in this state are reasonably comparable to urban rates nationwide, based on the nationwide urban rate benchmark of \$34.21.

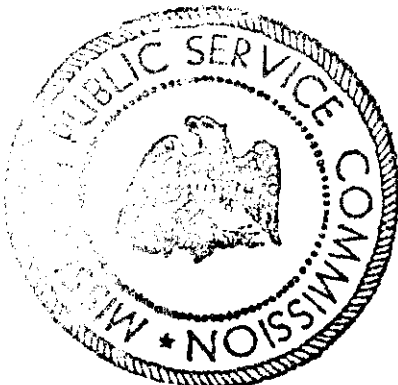
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that BellSouth shall file quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Aye; Vice-Chairman Bo Robinson voted

Aye.

DATED this the 23rd day of JANUARY, 2006.



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Nielsen Cochran
NIELSEN COCHRAN, CHAIRMAN

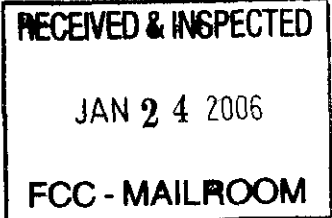
Bo Robinson
BO ROBINSON, VICE CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Brian U. Ray
BRIAN U. RAY
Executive Secretary

Effective this 23rd day of JANUARY, 2006

**BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



01-UA-198

DIXIENET COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

TC 123163400

**IN RE: PETITION OF DIXIENET
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER UNDER THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF
1996**

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of DixieNet Communications, LLC ("DixieNet") Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding ("USF") for the year 2006 (the "Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by DixieNet, and after reviewing the Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

I.

On December 20, 2000, DixieNet filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. DixieNet was subsequently designated by the Commission as an ETC on October 19, 2001.

II.

On December 19, 2002, DixieNet submitted its revised plan for utilization of the Federal USF for the year 2003 for approval by the Commission. The Commission entered its Order approving the revised 2003 USF plan on December 20, 2002.

III.

On September 23, 2003, DixieNet submitted its revised plan for utilization of the Federal USF for the year 2004 for approval by the Commission. The Commission entered its Order approving the revised 2004 USF plan on September 24, 2003.

IV.

On August 9, 2004, DixieNet submitted its revised plan for utilization of the Federal USF for the year 2005 for approval by the Commission. The Commission entered its Order approving the revised 2005 USF plan on September 29, 2004.

V.

On January 19, 2006, DixieNet submitted its plan for utilization of the Federal USF for the year 2006 for approval by the Commission.

VI.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that DixieNet's Plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in Mississippi for the year 2006 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The Commission hereby certifies that DixieNet's 2006 Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding is consistent with 47 U.S.C. 254(e).
2. DixieNet shall file quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Aye, and Commissioner Bo Robinson voted Aye
Dated this the 23rd day of January, 2006.



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY: Nielsen Cochran
NIELSEN COCHRAN, CHAIRMAN

BY: Bo Robinson
BO ROBINSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. This Order is effective the 23rd day of January, 2006.

Brian U. Ray
BRIAN U. RAY,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF
CELLULAR SOUTH LICENSES, INC.
FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
UNDER 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(2)

DOCKET NO. 01-UA-0451

ORDER

COMES NOW, the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") and it appearing to the Commission, for good cause shown and after reviewing the plan for utilization for the year 2006 Federal Universal Service Funding ("USF") submitted by Cellular South Licenses, Inc. ("CSL"), and this Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds as follows:

I.

On June 19, 2001, CSL filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under Section 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(2). On November 30, 2001, Victor H. (Hu) Meena filed direct testimony on behalf of Cellular South Licenses, Inc. in support of CSL's designation as an ETC. As a part of the testimony, Mr. Meena also filed with this Commission details of its plan for utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding it would receive in the year 2002 and thereafter. CSL sought and was granted bifurcation of proceedings for consideration separately of the Application in those areas served by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") from those served by the Rural Independents by Order dated September 19, 2001. On December 18, 2001, this Commission granted CSL's ETC designation in the BellSouth service areas. On December 27, 2001, this Commission issued its order certifying that CSL's proposed use of federal universal service funds for the year 2002 in Mississippi was consistent with the principles

of Universal Service as outlined in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and by the FCC in its Universal Service Order.¹

II.

On August 1, 2003, CSL submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2004 ("CSL's 2004 Plan") for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on August 1, 2003, proposed a continuation of its four phase plan to improve and upgrade its wireless telecommunications facilities in high cost areas in Mississippi. The Commission entered its Order approving CSL's 2004 Plan on September 24, 2003.

III.

On Motion of CSL, this Commission entered an Order Returning this Case to the Docket for purposes of considering CSL's application for ETC designation in the geographic areas served by the Rural Independents on May 3, 2004. On September 23, 2004, this Commission entered an Order designating CSL as an ETC in the geographic areas served by the Rural Independents (which Order was subsequently clarified on November 3, 2004).

IV.

On July 1, 2004, CSL submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2005 ("CSL's 2005 Plan") for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on July 1, 2004, proposed a continuation of its four phase plan to improve and upgrade its wireless telecommunications facilities in high cost areas in Mississippi. The Commission entered its Order approving CSL's 2005 Plan on September 29, 2004.

¹Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Ninth Report and Order and Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC 99-306, released November 2, 1999 ("Universal Service Order"). See generally paragraphs 93-110.

V.

On June 1, 2005, CSL submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2006 ("CSL's 2006 Plan") for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on June 1, 2005, proposed a continuation of CSL's expansion and upgrading of its wireless telecommunications facilities in high cost areas in Mississippi, including areas served by both BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and the Rural Independent Telephone Companies.

VI.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that CSL's 2006 Plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2006 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended, and the pertinent FCC Orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

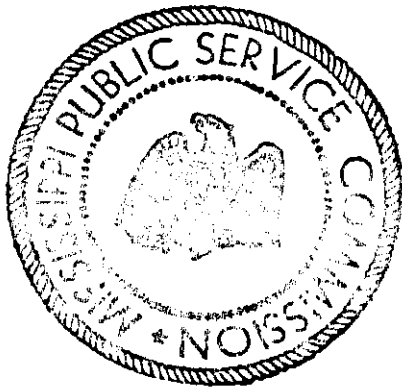
1. The Commission hereby certifies that CSL's 2006 Plan to utilize Federal Universal Service High Cost Support Funds in Mississippi as contained in its plan submitted to the Commission on June 1, 2005, is consistent with 47 U.S.C. 254(e).

2. CSL shall file quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Ag; Commissioner Bo Robinson voted Ag

Dated this the 23rd day of January, 2006.



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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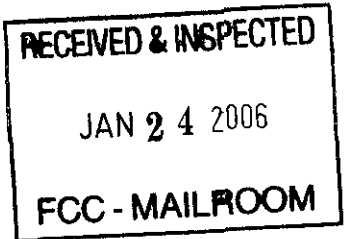
BO ROBINSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. This Order is effective the 23rd day of January, 2006.

Brian U. Ray

BRIAN U. RAY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



02-UA-533

RCC HOLDINGS, INC. D/B/A UNICEL

TC 123200300

**IN RE: APPLICATION OF RCC
HOLDINGS, INC. D/B/A UNICEL
FOR DESIGNATION AS AN
ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER UNDER 47 U.S.C. §
214(e)(2)**

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of RCC Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Unicel's ("RCC's") Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding ("USF") for the year 2006 (the "Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by RCC, and after reviewing the Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

I.

On August 20, 2002, RCC filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under Section 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(2). RCC was subsequently designated by the Commission as an ETC on December 2, 2002.

II.

On December 6, 2002, RCC submitted its plan for utilization of the Federal USF for the year 2003 for approval by the Commission. The Commission entered its Order approving the 2003 USF plan on December 20, 2002.

III.

On September 17, 2003, RCC submitted its revised plan for utilization of the Federal USF for the year 2004 for approval by the Commission. The Commission entered its Order approving the revised 2004 USF plan on September 24, 2003.

IV.

On September 22, 2004, RCC submitted its revised plan for utilization of the Federal USF for the year 2005 for approval by the Commission. The Commission entered its Order approving the revised 2005 USF plan on September 29, 2004.

V.

On May 31, 2005, RCC submitted its Plan for utilization of the Federal USF for the year 2006 for approval by the Commission. On September 15, 2005, RCC submitted supplemental information concerning its Plan.

VI.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that RCC's Plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in Mississippi for the year 2006 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The Commission hereby certifies that RCC's 2006 Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding is consistent with 47 U.S.C. 254(e).
2. RCC shall file quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Aye, and Commissioner Bo Robinson voted Aye.

Dated this the 23rd day of January, 2006.



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

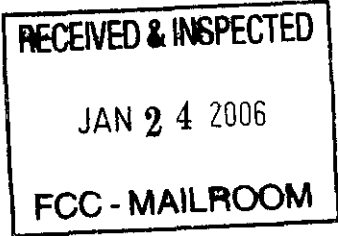
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BO ROBINSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. This Order is effective the 23rd day of January, 2006.

Brian U. Ray
BRIAN U. RAY,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



02-UA-319

**XFONE USA, INC. D/B/A EXPETEL
COMMUNICATIONS**

TC 123191000

**IN RE: APPLICATION OF WS TELECOM,
INC. D/B/A EXPETEL
COMMUNICATIONS FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
UNDER THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF
1996**

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of XFone USA, Inc. d/b/a eXpeTel's ("eXpeTel's") Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding ("USF") for the year 2006 (the "Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by eXpeTel, and after reviewing the Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

I.

The Commission entered an Order designating eXpeTel an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 on June 30, 2003.

II.

On September 23, 2003, eXpeTel submitted its revised plan for utilization of the Federal USF for the year 2004 for approval by the Commission. The Commission entered its Order approving the revised 2004 USF plan on September 24, 2003.

III.

On September 22, 2004, eXpeTel submitted its revised plan for utilization of the Federal USF for the year 2005 for approval by the Commission. The Commission entered its Order approving the revised 2005 USF plan on September 29, 2004.

IV.

On May 31, 2005, eXpeTel submitted its plan for utilization of the Federal USF for the year 2006 for approval by the Commission.

V.

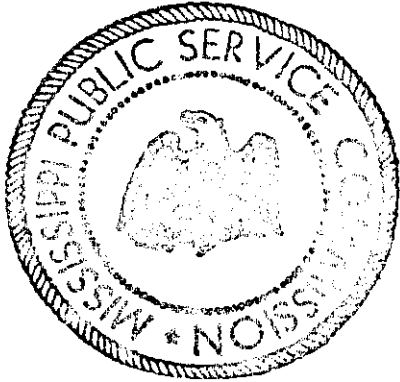
The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that eXpeTel's Plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in Mississippi for the year 2006 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The Commission hereby certifies that eXpeTel's 2006 Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding is consistent with 47 U.S.C. 254(e).
2. eXpeTel shall file quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Ag, and Commissioner Bo Robinson voted Ag
Dated this the 23rd day of January, 2006.



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

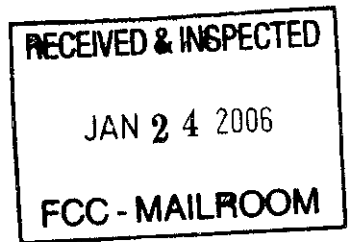
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BY: *Bo Robinson*
BO ROBINSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. This Order is effective the 23rd day of January, 2006.

Brian U. Ray
BRIAN U. RAY,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



03-UA-165

COMMUNIGROUP OF JACKSON, INC.

TC 123082001

**IN RE: APPLICATION OF
COMMUNIGROUP OF JACKSON,
INC. D/B/A COMMUNIGROUP FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER UNDER THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF
1996**

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc.'s ("CommuniGroup's") Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding ("USF") for the year 2006 (the "Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by CommuniGroup, and after reviewing the Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

I.

On March 20, 2003, Communigroup filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Communigroup was subsequently designated by the Commission as an ETC on July 21, 2003.

II.

On September 11, 2003, Communigroup submitted its revised plan for utilization of the Federal USF for the year 2004 for approval by the Commission. The Commission entered its Order approving the revised 2004 USF plan on September 29, 2003.

III.

On September 22, 2004, Communigroup submitted its revised plan for utilization of the Federal USF for the year 2005 for approval by the Commission. The Commission entered its Order approving the revised 2005 USF plan on September 29, 2004.

IV.

On May 31, 2005, CommuniGroup submitted its plan for utilization of the Federal USF for the year 2006 for approval by the Commission. On September 15, 2005, CommuniGroup submitted supplemental information concerning the Plan.

V.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that CommuniGroup's Plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in Mississippi for the year 2006 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC orders.

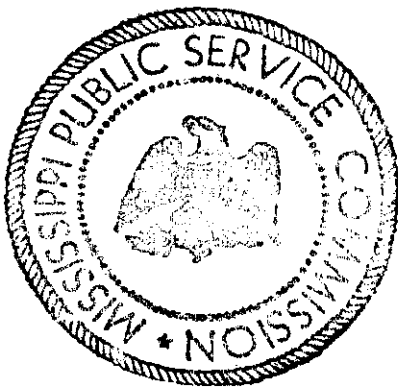
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The Commission hereby certifies that CommuniGroup's 2006 Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding is consistent with 47 U.S.C. 254(e).
2. CommuniGroup shall file quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Yes, and Commissioner Bo Robinson voted Yes.

Dated this the 25th day of January, 2006.



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

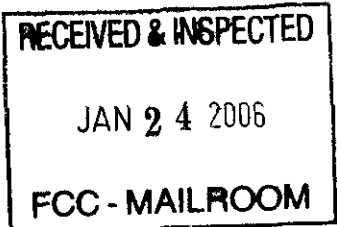
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BY: Bo Robinson
BO ROBINSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. This Order is effective the 25th day of January, 2006.

Brian U. Ray
BRIAN U. RAY,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



03-UA-234

**IN RE: APPLICATION OF
CENTENNIAL CELLULAR TRI-STATE
OPERATING PARTNERSHIP AND
CENTENNIAL CLAIBORNE
CELLULAR CORPORATION FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
UNDER 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(2)**

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of the Centennial 2006 Utilization Plan Mississippi Rural and Non-Rural Markets for the use of Federal Universal Service Funding for the Year 2006 heretofore submitted to this Commission by Centennial Cellular Tri-State Operating Partnership and Centennial Claiborne Corporation ("Centennial"), and after reviewing the Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

I.

On April 4, 2003, Centennial filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under Section 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2). On September 24, 2003, Centennial was designated by the Commission as an ETC in the non-rural Bellsouth portion of its service area. On August 10, 2004, Centennial was designated by the Commission as an ETC in the rural portions of its service area.

II.

On September 27, 2004, Centennial submitted its Revised Plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Fund support in the non-rural markets for the year 2005 for

approval by the Commission. The Commission entered its Order approving the Revised Plan on September 29, 2004.

III.

On December 22, 2004, Centennial submitted its Revised Plan for utilization of the federal Universal Service Fund support in the rural markets for the year 2005 for approval by the Commission. The Commission entered its Order approving the Revised Plan on January 6, 2005.

IV.

On May 31, 2005, Centennial submitted a plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund support in the rural and the non-rural markets for the year 2006 for approval by the Commission.

V.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that Centennial's Plan for the year 2006 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The Commission hereby certifies that the Centennial Utilization Plan for the Mississippi Rural and Non-Rural Markets for use of Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2006 is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).
2. Centennial shall file quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.